है। इन परिस्थितियों में एच.बी.जे. पाइपलाइन का विस्तार करना सम्भव नहीं है।

**Indigenous Oil Production**

1183. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual indigenous Oil production achieved during 1995-96 and 1996-97 as against the target, alongwith the reasons for shortfall in the targeted production;

(b) the quantity of oil imported during 1995-96 and 1996-97 to meet the demand (with value in foreign exchange);

(c) whether oil production areas in the Krishna Godavari, the Cauvery Kerala-Konkan and the Kutch have been identified for oil exploration; and

(d) the present position with regard to the exploration operations in these iden tified areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The detail of targets and actual production of crude oil during 1995-96 and 1996-97 is given blow:-

(Figs. in MMT)

| Year | Target (MOU) | Production |
|---|---|---|
| 1995-96 | 36.296 | 35.167 |
| 1996-97 | 36.312 | 32.90 |

The reasons for shortfall are

(i) Reduction in anticipated production from the major fields of Mumbai Regional Business Centre specially Bombay High and Neelam Oil Fields due to reservoir problems which was not in conformity with the earlier predictions.

(ii) Most of the producing oil fields are old and some of the major fields including Bombay High have entered the natural declining phase.

(iii) Constraints in operating conditions in the North-Eastern region such as bandhs, barricades, strikes, incidence of thefts and sabotage etc.

(iv) Frequent power shut-down in the Eastern and Western region have affected the artificial lift system.

(v) Reduced production from Joint Venture Projects

(b) The quanity of crude oil imported and its value was as under:

| | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|
| Qty(MMT) | 27.342 | 33.906 |
| Value (Rs.Cr.) | 11517 | 18538 |

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Present position of the exploration operations carried out by ONGC in these areas are:

*Krislma-Godavari Basin:* ONGC plans to acquire 895 GLK and 925 LK of 2Dseismic, 800 GLK of 3D and drill 26 wells during 1997-98 in Krishna-Godavari onshore and offshore. 8 rigs have been deployed for exploratory drilling KG-OS-90/1 block has been awarded to a joint venture for exploration.

*Cauvery Basin:* ONGC plans to acquire 800 GLK of 3D seismic and drill 17 wells during 1997-98. 6 rigs are presently deployed to carry out exploratory drilling. CY-OS-90/1 and CY-OS/2 blocks have been awarded to joint ventures for exploration.

*Kerala Konkan:* 4 exploratory wells are planned for drilling during 1997-98.

*Kutch Basin:* Interpretation of the seismic data acquired in the region is in progress.